

CRAFTING PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRONES



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ABSTRACT

Federally administered Tribal Areas (FATA) include seven agencies and six Frontier Regions, and are bordered by the Durand line and Afghanistan to the west, by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to the north and east, and by Balochistan province to the south. Since the creation of Pakistan, North Waziristan and the rest of the Tribal Areas have been neglected and under-developed, and their residents do not enjoy key human rights protections under Pakistani and international law. The use of drones, for surveillance and so-called targeted killings by the USA have fast become among the most controversial human rights issues in the world. In no place is this more apparent than in Pakistan. Since innocent people are badly suffering in consequence to Drones.



DRONES

According to NGO and Pakistan government sources the USA has launched some 330 to 374 drone strikes in Pakistan between 2004 and September 2013. Among all killings 178 were children according to a recent survey of Amnesty International.



The **nine-year, Nabeela ur Rehman**, drew on a pad of paper in a Washington DC hotel, recalled the day her grandmother was killed. "I was running away," "I was trying to wipe away the blood." "It was as if it was night all of the sudden." Drone hovers constantly in the sky which instill spontaneous fears among the innocent kids of tribal areas. This girl made this diagram when she appeared before the congress to speak her accounts when her grandmother died in an attack.



EDUCATION

Each of us can contribute in fighting terrorism in tribal belt of Pakistan not with drones, but by raising the confidence of tribal people for a better future through education. Because drones are not only lethal, illegal, and imprecise but they are counter-productive. We can help to unleash the potential of young marginalized people in tribal belt through education as a means to prepare them to fully participate and integrate in mainstream society.



A reflection of Drone hovering in the sky

